

a bonding agent interposed between said first sheet and said second sheet to hold said first and second sheets together;

whereby said first sheet is stacked on the second sheet such that the appearance of said second sheet is coordinated with respect to said first sheet.

2~~34~~. The blank as defined in claim ~~33~~¹, wherein said first and second sheets have a thickness of about 0.004 to about 0.015 inches.

3~~35~~. The blank as defined in claim ~~33~~¹, wherein each of said first and second sheets is formed by two or more integrally connected pieces of nacreous shell matter.

4~~36~~. The blank as defined in claim ~~33~~¹, wherein the first and second sheets each includes only a single piece of nacreous shell matter.

5~~37~~. The blank as defined in claim ~~33~~¹, wherein the blank includes three or more sheets of nacreous shell matter each having a thickness of about 0.004 to about 0.015 inches.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are canceled. Claims 33-37 have been added and are the only claims pending. Applicants request that the Examiner examine new claims 33-37, which are based at least on non-elected claims 46 and 47 in the parent application (Serial No. 09/008,780). In view of the allowance of the parent application and the discussions with the Examiner in connection with that case, it is respectfully submitted that claims 33-37 are allowable.

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